UNDER THE AEGIS

BY VIMEODIEE

I DO NOT KNOW WHY YOU TROUBLE YOURSELF.
MY PEOPLE HAVE NO WRITTEN LANGUAGE, AND WE UNDERSTAND GHATIKAN EVEN LESS!
THEN YOU WILL TEACH THEM WHAT THIS SAYS. ALL THE RACES NEED TO KNOW WHAT THEY MUST DO IN THE CASE OF OUR DEATHS.

STOP SAYING THAT--!

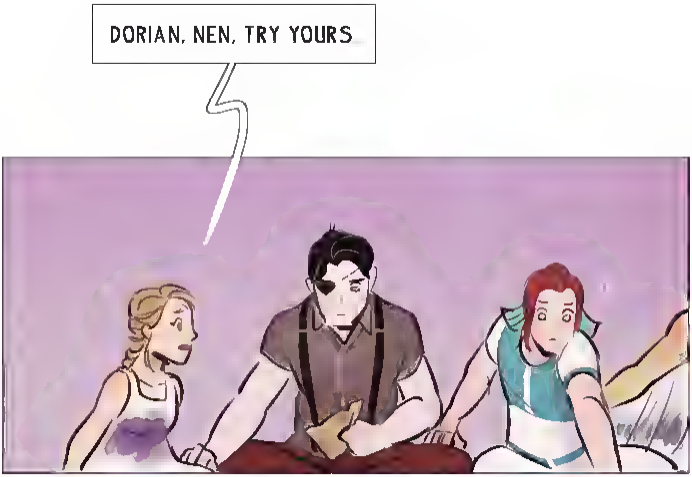
I SHALL NOT. IT WILL HAPPEN. I HAVE SEEN IT. AND I HAVE SEEN OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS ALSO.

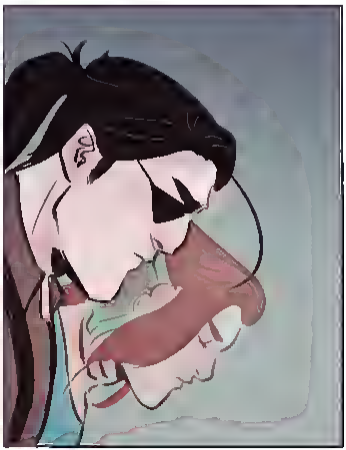
WE MUST TEACH OUR PEOPLE HOW TO KEEP THEM SAFE

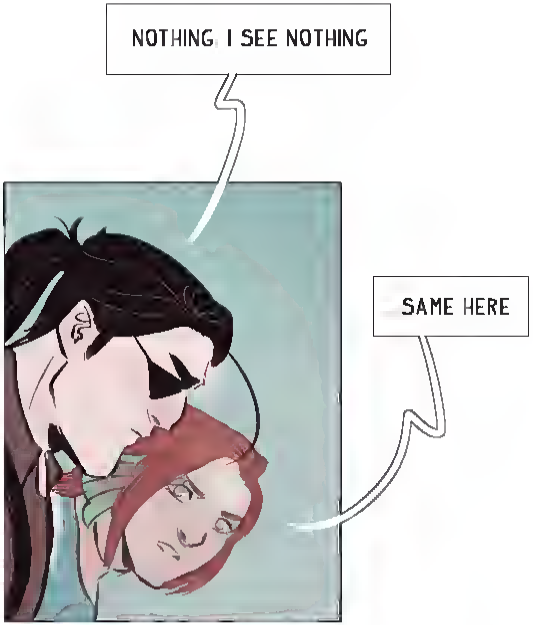
AND WHAT BETTER WAY TO DO IT THAN TO CARVE IT IN STONE?

IT'S THE SAME MEMORY AS THE ONE I SAW BACK HOME IN THE CAVE
EXCEPT THAT NOW I CAN UNDERSTAND IT BETTER

SO THE CARVINGS ARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE RACES, REFERENCES FOR HOW TO HANDLE THE BIRTHS OF FUTURE WIELDERS, AND THEIR PROTECTION


DORIAN, NEN, TRY YOURS

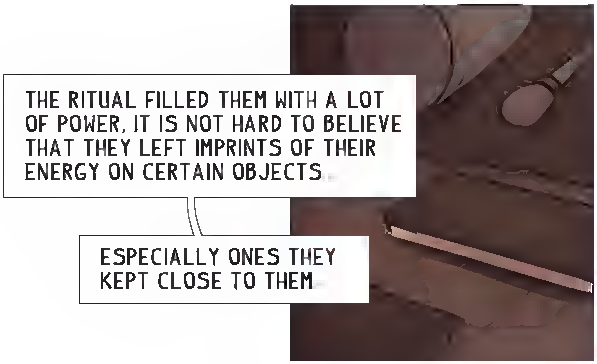


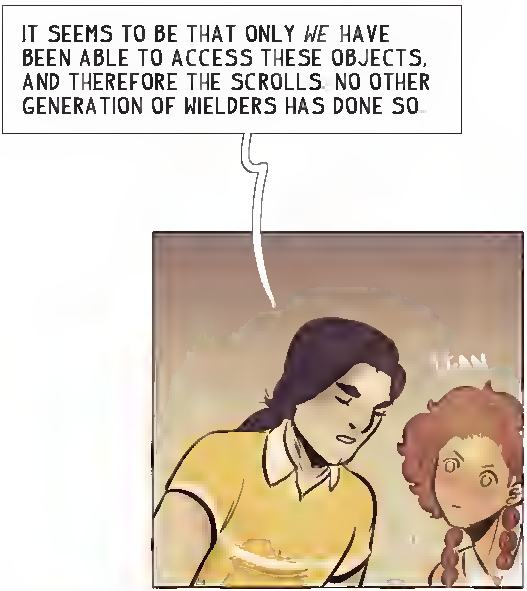

NOTHING. I SEE NOTHING
SAME HERE

WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS? GAWAIN SAYS THE EIDEN WIELDER KEPT BOTH HERS AND THE THALASSAN WIELDER'S SCROLLS IN THE STATUE...PERHAPS...

I THINK...IT MIGHT BE SIMILAR TO HOW I CAN SEE YOUR ENERGY...

MAYBE THE THALASSAN AND MOONBORN WIELDERS DIDN'T SPEND ENOUGH TIME WITH THEIR SCROLLS TO LEAVE THEIR OWN ENERGY ON THEM?

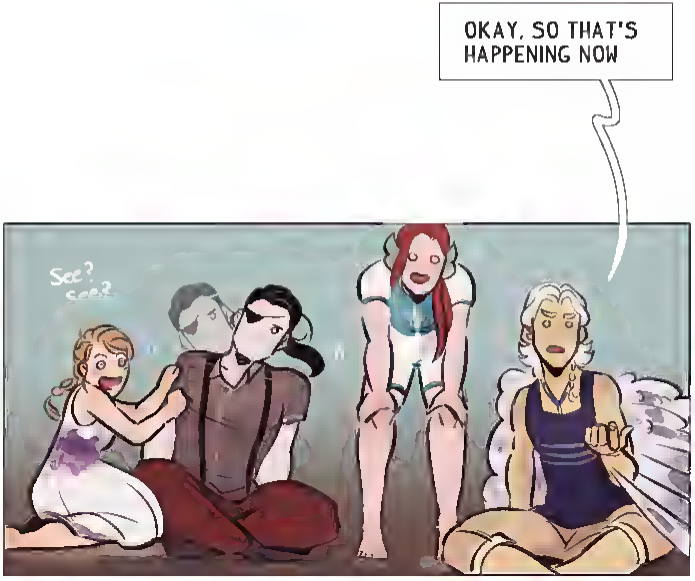

THE RITUAL FILLED THEM WITH A LOT OF POWER. IT IS NOT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THEY LEFT IMPRINTS OF THEIR ENERGY ON CERTAIN OBJECTS...
ESPECIALLY ONES THEY KEPT CLOSE TO THEM...


IT SEEMS TO BE THAT ONLY *WE* HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCESS THESE OBJECTS, AND THEREFORE THE SCROLLS. NO OTHER GENERATION OF WIELDERS HAS DONE SO.

AND SINCE WE SHARE THE SAME ENERGY AS THE FIRST WIELDERS,

THROUGH CONTACT WITH THE OBJECTS WE ARE ABLE TO ACTIVATE... SOME FORM OF...

HISTORICAL ME--MEMORIES--


OKAY. SO THAT'S HAPPENING NOW
See?
See?

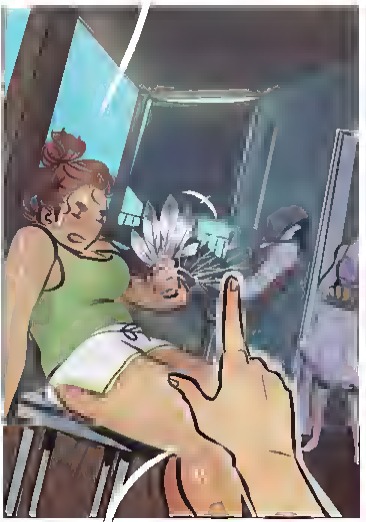
A FEW DAYS LATER...

AAAAAAAAAAAA

AAAAAAAAA

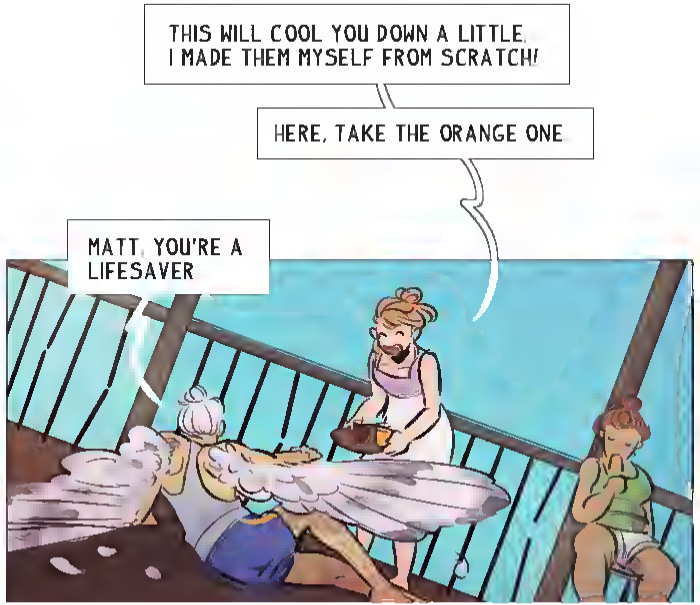
WHY IS IT SO *HOT?*

BE GLAD THAT YOU'RE STILL ALIVE TO ENJOY THE SUN, BIRD-BRAIN.



IF I DIE FROM THIS, YOU'LL ALL BE SORRY!

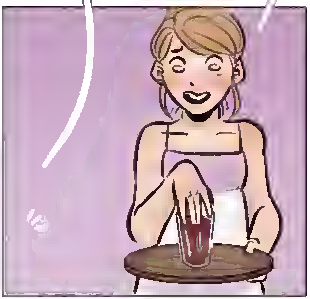
...AND ALSO DEAD!

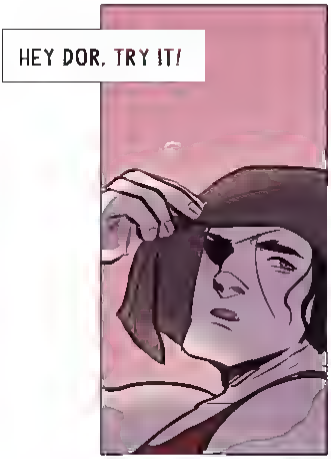

THIS WILL COOL YOU DOWN A LITTLE. I MADE THEM MYSELF FROM SCRATCH!
HERE, TAKE THE ORANGE ONE.
MATT, YOU'RE A LIFESAVER

HEY, WHAT'S THAT ONE? CHERRY?

OH, UM...NO--UH...THAT'S--
TH-THIS IS DORIAN'S ONE.

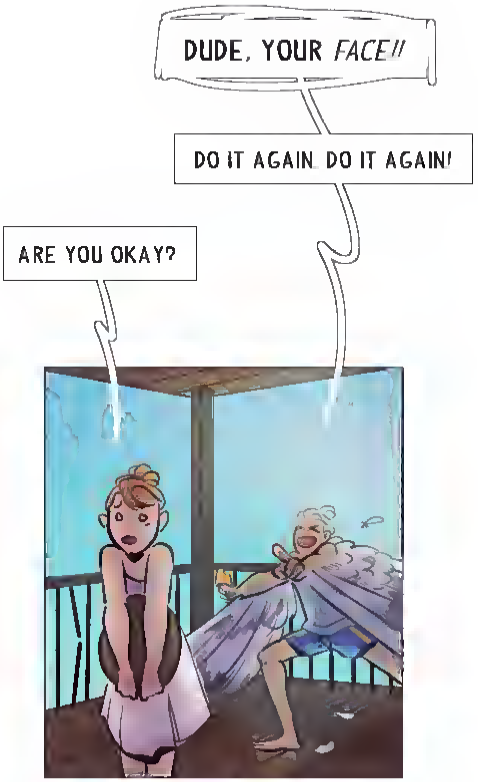
EWWWWW, GROSS??, BUT
ALSO KINDA ADORABLE?




HEY DOR, TRY IT!

THANK YOU...I'VE NEVER HAD IT LIKE THIS BEFORE

COLD!!

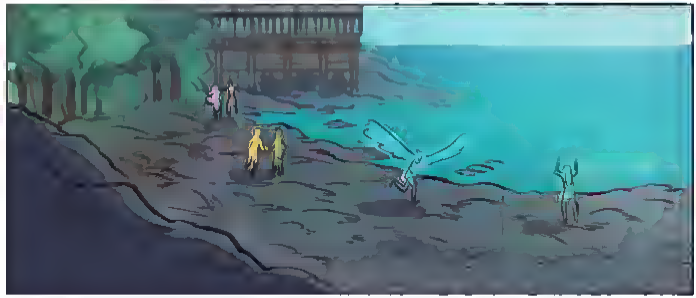

DUDE, YOUR *FACE!!*
DO IT AGAIN. DO IT AGAIN!
ARE YOU OKAY?

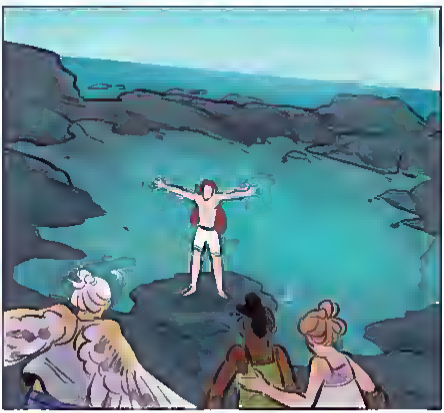
GUYS!
GAH!!

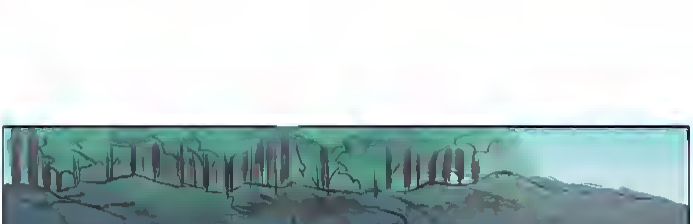
I FOUND A GREAT LITTLE ROCK POOL ABOUT FIVE MINUTES BACK THAT WAY. THE WATER'S NICE AND COOL. C'MON!

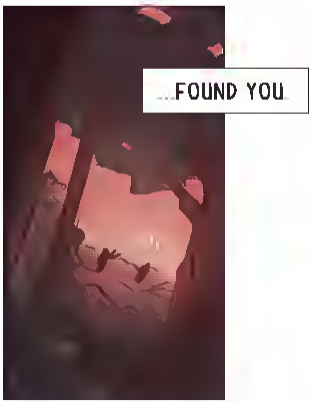
BRO. HOW DID YOU CLIMB UP HERE?

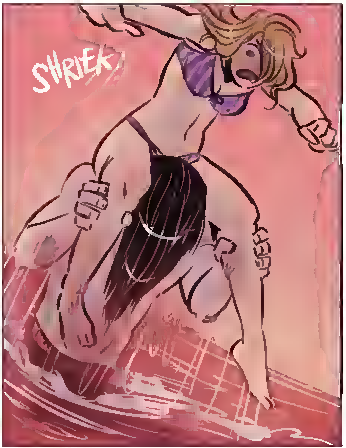
THAT SOUNDS LOVELY!
DORIAN, DO YOU WANT TO--?
I'LL JOIN YOU AT SUNDOWN.
JUST BE CAREFUL.



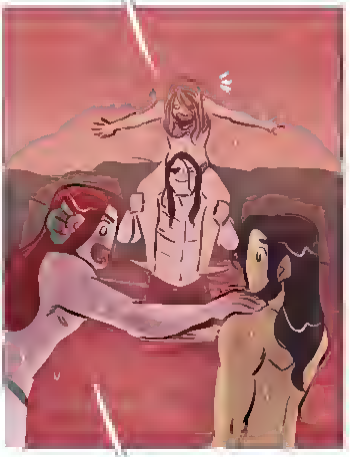




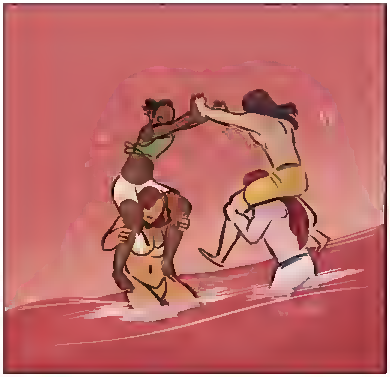

...FOUND YOU


SHRIEK!

DORIAN!

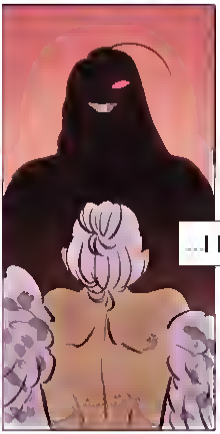


HEY. THAT'S AN IDEA!



You
CHEATERS!

SPLISH
SPLASH

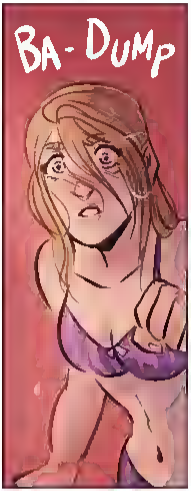

...I DON'T WANNA...

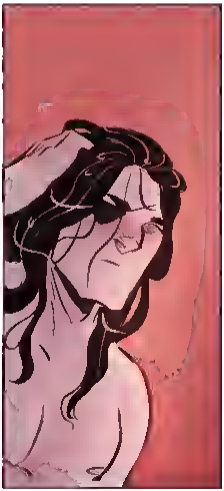
DRAG
DUDE, NO! YOU'LL GET MY FEATHERS WET--!!

DOR, NOOOOO--!

SPLOOSH!

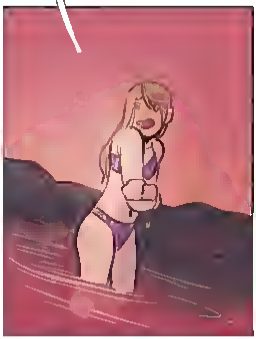
--THIS IS WHY PEOPLE HATE MOONBORN, YOU GIANT *JERK*!


BA-DUMP



HEY, HEY, COOL IT! THERE'S ENOUGH HEAT IN THE AIR ALREADY IF YOU DON'T MIND!
SPLASH!

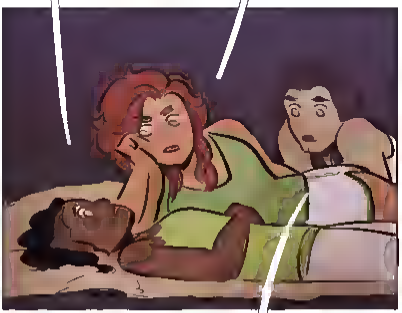
I--I'M GETTING ALL WRINKLY.
I SHOULD PROBABLY GET OUT.



IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE WE'VE JUST COME CLOSE TO DYING, DOES IT?
THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE A NORMAL SUMMER DAY WITH FRIENDS
TODAY HAS BEEN... ONE OF THE BEST DAYS OF MY LIFE... AND TO THINK IT MIGHT NOT HAVE EVEN HAPPENED...

...I...I'M SO VERY SORRY FOR PUTTING EVERYONE IN DANGER BECAUSE OF MY IMPATIENCE WHEN YOU'VE BEEN SO KIND TO ME...MAKING ME FEEL LIKE I BELONG

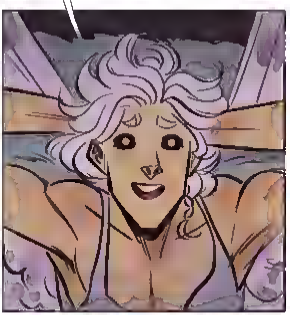
HEY...WE'VE ALL MADE DUMB MISTAKES. YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST ONE TO SCREW UP...IF ANYTHING THAT'S JUST MORE PROOF THAT YOU *DO* BELONG HERE.



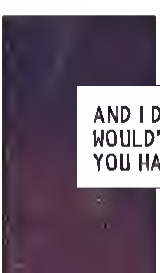
YOU HAVE BEEN SO FOCUSED ON THE MISSION YOU HAVE SET FOR YOURSELF THAT IT IS MAKING YOU MISS THE SMALL, EQUALLY IMPORTANT THINGS.

TODAY, AS WELL AS EVERY DAY WE HAVE OF LIFE...HAS BEEN A BLESSING

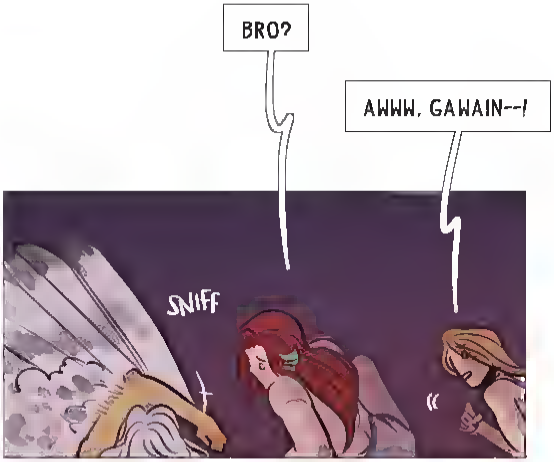
YEAH MAN, WE'RE FAMILY NOW YOU KNOW THAT. AND I'M NOT THE SMARTEST OR THE BEST GUY TO LIVE WITH

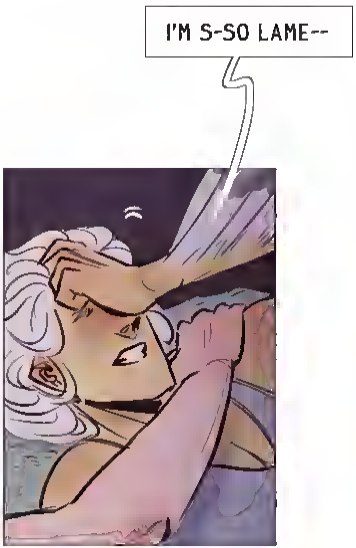


I'VE DONE STUPID THINGS TOO BUT LIKE, I LOVE YOU GUYS

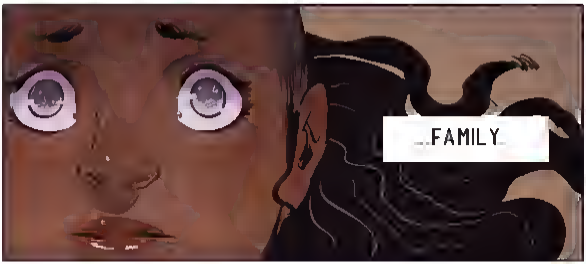


AND I DUNNO WHAT MY LIFE WOULD'VE BEEN LIKE IF YOU HADN'T--IF I NEVER--


BRO?
AWWW, GAWAIN--!
SNIFF


I'M S-SO LAME--

C'MERE...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